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VA will apply the following sections in administering benefits payable under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 32:

(a) Section 21.4131—Commencing dates (except paragraph (d)).

(b) Section 21.4135—Discontinuance dates.

(c) Section 21.4138 (except paragraph (b))—Certifications and release of payments.

(d) Section 21.4146—Assignments of benefits prohibited.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241(a))

(e) Section 21.4136(k) (except paragraph (k)(3))—Mitigating circumstances.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241(a), 3680(a))

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§ 21.5131 Educational assistance allowance.

VA will pay educational assistance allowance at the rate specified in §§ 21.5136 and 21.5138 of this part while the individual is pursuing either an approved program of education or a refresher or deficiency course or other preparatory or special education or training course which is necessary to enable the individual to pursue an approved program of education. VA will make no payment for pursuit of any course which either is not part of the veteran's program of education, or is not a refresher, deficiency or other preparatory or special education or training course which is necessary to enable the individual to pursue an approved program of education. VA may withhold a payment until it receives verification or certification of the individual's continued enrollment and ad-

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justs the individual's account. See § 21.5133.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241; Pub. L. 94–592, Pub. L. 99–576, Pub. L. 101–237)

[57 FR 38612, Aug. 26, 1992]

§ 21.5132 Criteria used in determining benefit payments.

(a) *Training time.* The amount of benefit payment to an individual in all types of training except cooperative training, correspondence training and apprenticeship and other on-job training depends on whether VA determines that the individual is a full-time student, three-quarter-time student, half-time student or one-quarter-time student.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241, 3688; Pub. L. 99–576, Pub. L. 100–689)

(b) *Contributions.* The amount of benefit payment to an individual also depends on:

(1) The amount the individual has contributed to the fund.

(2) The amount the Secretary of Defense has contributed to the fund for the individual.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3231)

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§ 21.5133 Certifications and release of payments.

An individual must be pursuing a program of education in order to receive payments. To ensure that this is the case, the provisions of this paragraph must be met.

(a) *General.* VA will pay educational assistance to a veteran or servicemember (other than one who qualifies for an advance payment, or one pursuing a program of apprenticeship, other on-job training, or a correspondence course) only after—

(1) The educational institution has certified his or her enrollment as provided in § 21.5200(d) of this part; and

(2) VA has received from the individual a verification of the enrollment.